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REMARKS

The units of dimension of the workpiece 88 have been explained in the amendment to the specification.

Claims 5 and 26 have been canceled.

Claim 23 has been amended to remove the limitation of the second guiding strip aligning with the third edge of the platform when forming the third pre-determined angle.

Claim 25 has been amended to clarify how the first and second distances are measured and to remove the term "less ¼ inches" which is unnecessary.

In paragraph 4 of the Official Action, with reference to item (1), claim 5 has been cancelled. With respect to item (2) the alignment requirement in claim 23 has been cancelled. For item (3), claim 25 has been amended to clarify the first and second distances and the first and second distances have been shown in red in Fig. 1 as "x" and "y", respectively.

A replacement sheet of the drawings containing an amended Figure 1 is enclosed herewith. Line 2-2 in Figure 1 shows where the cross-section of Figure 2 is taken.

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In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, .
claims 5 ad 26 have been cancelled and claims 23 and 25
have been amended to comply with the objections.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-4, 6, 7, 18, 20,
24, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable
over Gamble in view of Gommper et al., and Carter. It is
argued that Gamble discloses a guide for a power saw having
a platform and two runners but fails to disclose first and
second guide strips. Gommper discloses a guide strip that
slides over and is clamped to the platform. Carter
discloses a base plate 11 having a longitudinally extending
guide 18 and a guide strip 32. The board to be cut is
placed on top of the base plate 11 and the guide strip is
raised or lowered so that it contacts the top surface of
the board(s) 3 and is then clamped in place. Neither
Gommper nor Carter discloses a guiding strip in engagement
with the runners as neither Gommper nor Carter have
runners. In Gommper, the guide strip is affixed to the top
of the platform away from an edge of the platform that is
coincident with the cut that is to be made. Any
misalignment of the guiding strip can result in the hand-
held saw cutting the edge. Similarly, in Gamble any slight

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change in adjustment of the hand-held saw can result in the saw cutting the associated kerf gauge.

In summary, Gamble discloses no guiding strips. Gommper discloses a single guide strip that slides over the platform or base plate. It does not engage runners as it discloses no runners. Carter discloses a guide strip that clamps a workpiece to a top of a platform. Its function is different than that of either Applicant or that of the other above-mentioned cited references.

Thus, Gamble in combination with Gommper and Carter fail to disclose all of the elements of claim 1.

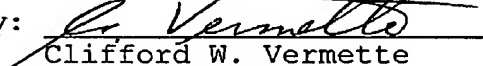
If claim 1 is allowable, so are all of the remaining rejected claims, as all of the latter depend either directly or indirectly on claim 1.

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Re-consideration of the application herein is
respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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